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LETTER DATED 7 APRIL 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of the letter from H.E. Dr. Ali Akbar Velayati, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, addressed to Your Excellency on the deteriorating situation in the "safe area" of Gorazde in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kamal KHARRAZI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Enclosure

It has been more than a week that the city of Gorazde - declared by Security Council resolutions 824 and 836 as a safe area - has been under heavy Serbian artillery and shocking news on the killings and massacre of the people of this city reports of a situation close to a great catastrophe.

The aggression and killings committed by the Serbs in Gorazde following their aggression on Bihac and the other safe areas in Bosnia and Herzegovina is not only in contravention of all Security Council resolutions but in fact threatens to defeat the recent positive political developments in Bosnia and Herzegovina which has brought the tiding of a possible return of stability and tranquillity to the sensitive Balkan region.

The absence of any serious action to confront these aggressions and the continuation of the forceful practices of ethnic cleansing of a nation which is under siege and aggression by the occupying Serbs with the indifference of international fora, will not only lead to recurrence of previous painful catastrophes, but will also threaten the relative tranquillity in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the peace negotiations.

While condemning these Serbian attacks against the city of Gorazde and expressing its deep concern over such war-mongering and escalation of conflict, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran calls upon the United Nations to take all necessary measures to stop the killings of innocent civilians, prevent the recurrence of human catastrophes in the last two years in Bosnia and Herzegovina, end the besiege of Gorazde and to implement all Security Council resolutions concerning the safe areas in Bosnia and Herzegovina - thus shouldering its responsibilities, on the basis of the United Nations Charter, in reversing aggression, preventing the fall of Gorazde, halting the massacre of innocent people, and establishing peace and security.

(Signed) Ali Akbar VELAYATI
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Islamic Republic of Iran